Congratulations! to Andy Chung on winning the top award for Overall Research Excellence at the Ohio American Society for Microbiology (ASM) meeting, held April 3-4 at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Andy was one of 9 students from the IIT graduate track that attended the meeting, and 4 of these students also presented their research as a poster presentation. As this conference was attended by students from all of the major universities and colleges in Ohio, we should be proud that our students were so well represented and awarded.

The N. Paul Hudson Award for Research Excellence is named on behalf of N. Paul Hudson, MD, who was chairman of the Microbiology Department at Ohio State University from 1935-1950. Dr. Hudson was recruited from the University of Chicago Medical School, where he already had established a research/teaching reputation and was told to bring several colleagues with him to serve as faculty members in the department. In 1950 he was appointed Dean of the Graduate School at Ohio State University and served until his retirement in 1957. During the 1930s he was responsible for the successful development of a vaccine against Yellow Fever, which was necessary for the war effort in the tropical countries during the 1940s. Dr. Hudson died at the age of 95 in 1993 in Florida after retiring to his second home in Sarasota in 1970.

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Advisor: Dr. Mark Wooten

Thank you, Andy, for a job well done!